(b) whether the goods were supplied to NCCF by the party;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, whether there was any penal/arbitration clause in the agreement in the event of non-supply of goods; and

(e) whether any action was taken against the party and/or the defaulting officers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) National Cooperative Consumers Federation has reported that according to the agreement, the supplier was to give a Bank Guarantee for Rs. 3.20 lakhs and in case of any dispute, the matter was to be referred to an arbitrator. The party provided a cheque for Rs. 3.20 lakhs in lieu of the bank guarantee. When the party ultimately failed to supply the dates, the NCCF presented the cheque which bounced. NCCF thereafter referred the case to the arbitrator as per the directions of the High Court for a decision on its claims for Rs. 15 lakhs because of the non-supply of dates and for Rs. Rs. 37,385/- towards bank charges.

(e) NCCF has terminated the services of the Chief Manager (Imports and Exports) who was held responsible for the cheque having bounced.

Qualification for the post of Chief Executive (managing Director) of Nafed

2297. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the prescribed qualifications for the post of Chief Executive (Managing Director) of the NAFED; and

(b) whether technical qualification in Agriculture, Marketing, Business or Personnel Administration or Finance is essential for the post of Managing Director of the NAFED?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI G. S. DHILLON) : (a) and (b) The qualifications prescribed by the Board of Directors of NAFED for the post of Managing Director are that he should be an officer having business experience in a senior capacity relating to agricultural marketing and export trade preferably in a cooperative organisation.

House building advance to Managing Director and Finance Executive of NAFED

2298. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether NAFED had granted some time back House Building advance to its Managing Director and Finance Executive; and

(b) if so, whether the rules for granting such advances were properly followed in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI G. S. DHILLON): (a) and (b) NAFED advanced house building loans to the Managing Director and Executive Director (Finance & Accounts) in accordance with the House Building Loans regulations for the employees of NAFED.

Appointment of Finance Director of the NAFED

2299. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether he in the meeting held on the 6th June, 1984 to review the working of NAFED had suggested that the mis-management in Finance and Accounts of NAFED be rectified by appointing a suitable Finance Director;